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COMMANDER LIGHT ATTACK WING ONE
NAVAL AIR STATION
CECIL FIELD, FLORIDA 32215

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Ref: (a) CNO (OP-05D2) ltr of 4 Sep 1981
(b) OPNAVINST 5750.12C of 11 Jan 1980

Encl: (1) Chronological Summary of Operations

1. Reference (a) requested an Annual Command History be submitted by this command for Calendar Year 1980. In accordance with reference (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.


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COMMANDER LIGHT ATTACK WING ONE
NAS CECIL FIELD, FLORIDA

COMMAND HISTORY CY 1980

- I. COMMAND ORGANIZATION (enclosed as Attachment A)
- II. MISSION: Operational and administrative control of two training squadrons and management control of twelve fleet squadrons undergoing shore based training at Cecil.
- III. SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS (CHRONOLOGICAL):

JANUARY

Attended Navy Planning Conference at NAS Lemoore for the FA18

Three-Day War concept implemented for complex events.

MANTEC Reps confirmed errors reported by VA-72 in Tactical Manual minimum ground plane bomb spacings values. Developed methodology for generating corrections.

VA-46/72 completed Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection

FEBRUARY

Captain L. W. Smith relieved Captain H. P. Kober, Jr. as COMLATWING ONE (biography enclosed as Attachment B).

VA-37/105 completed Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS SARATOGA

Conducted Predeployment brief for VA-37/105 families.

MARCH

VA-12/66 completed Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS EISENHOWER.

Conducted Predeployment Brief for VA-46/72 families.

APRIL

VA-46/72 participated in Three-Day War.

Conducted Predeployment Brief for VA-12/66 families.

Instrument Training Squadron VA-45 "Blackbirds" makes permanent move to NAS Key West.

Weapons School acquires VA-45's spaces for additional classrooms, library, conference room and stowage.

Enclosure (1)

COMLATWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY CY 1980 (contd)

Conducted Immediate Superior in Command (ISIC) Inspection for administrative and material readiness of VA-87.

MAY Conducted ISIC Inspection on VA-46.

VA-203, 204, and 205 completed Operational Readiness Exercise aboard NAF Fallon Nevada.

JUNE VA-46/72 completed Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS KENNEDY.

VA-15/86 completed Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection.

VA-15/86 participated in Three-Day War.

Conducted ISIC Inspection on VA-15.

JULY LATWING Bombing Derby Begins

VA-82/86 participated in Three-Day War.

Conducted ISIC Inspection on VA-81.

AUGUST VA-81/83 completed Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection.

Conducted ISIC Inspection on VA-82.

SEPTEMBER Following Tactical Publications were developed by CLAW-1 Analysts: LLMZ143011.00-3-80, WANG 2200 Minefield Design Programs; LLTZ003111.00-2-80, A7E Mission RAD II and Fuel Specifics; and LLAZ333111.00-4-80, Aircraft Performance Comparisons and Tactics.

VA-81/83 participated in Three-Day War.

Technical Analysis of A-7E Normal Acceleration Filter performance by CLAW-1 Weapons Analysts.

OCTOBER Technical Analysis of Proposed MRCI Air Mine Delivery Criteria by CLAW-1 Weapons Analysts.

Technical Review of WANG 2200 JMEM AWOP Programs (preliminary version) by CLAW-1 Weapons Analysts.

VA-15/86 completed Operational Readiness Exercise aboard USS INDEPENDENCE.

LATWING Bombing Derby ends with VA-105 declared winner.

COMLATWING ONE COMMAND HISTORY CY 1980 (contd)

Annual Corsair Ball was held for over 400 Light Attack pilots and their ladies.

NOVEMBER

CLAW-1 Maintenance Officer and Assistant Maintenance Officer attended Sixth A7E FLIR and 23rd A7A/B/C/E Integrated Logistic Support Management Team Conference.

A7 Tactical Air Employment Course (D-2A-1500) was added to Weapons School Curriculum.

VA-15 named Battle "E" Winner.

DECEMBER

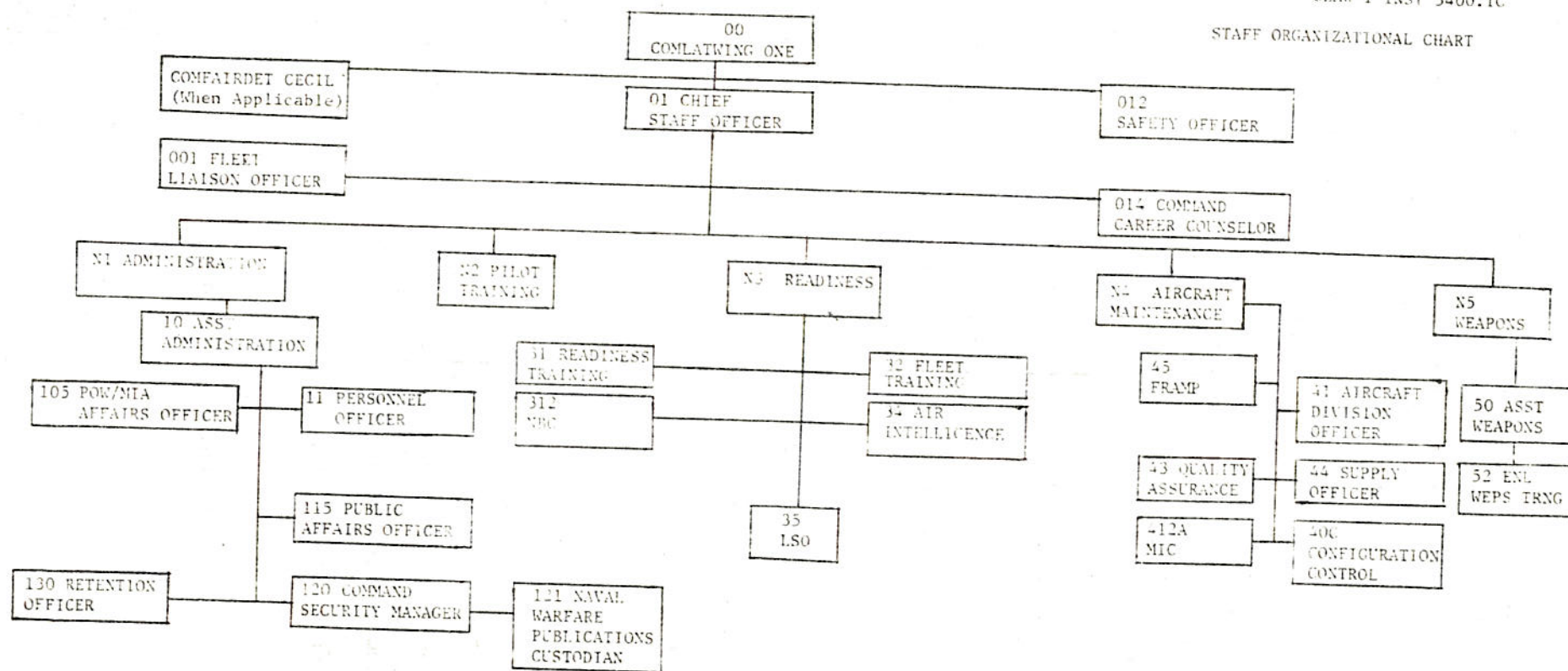
A study of Air Surface Conventional Weapons Requirements aboard USN Aircraft Carriers and Replenishment Ships was conducted by CLAW-1 Weapons Analysts.

VA-82/86 completed Conventional Weapons Technical Proficiency Inspection.

CLAW-1 in connection with NAS Cecil Supply and AIMD hosted COMNAVAIRSYSCOM's A7E NIP (NMCS Improvement Program) Review.

Total of 86,259 hours were flown by LATWING Squadrons in CY 1980.

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STAFF ORGANIZATIONAL CHART





CAPTAIN LEIGHTON W. SMITH, JR.
UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Leighton W. Smith, Jr., the son of Mr. (b) (6) and the late Mrs. Sara G. Smith, was born on

(b) (6) Following graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1962, Captain Smith entered flight training and was designated a Naval Aviator in January 1964.

Captain Smith's first assignment was to the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Glynco, Georgia where he flew the FJ-4 "Fury" and instructed in the Air Intercept Control School. His first operational tour was with VA-81 via A4 training in VA-44. His following tours were with VA-22; Naval Plant Representative, Dallas (LTV); VA-82; Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama; and VA-86 where he served as Executive Officer and then

Commanding Officer from April 1976 until June 1977. Captain Smith then commanded Carrier Air Wing FIFTEEN aboard USS CORAL SEA (CV-43) and USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) from September 1977 until November 1978. He recently completed a tour as Head Aviation Commander Assignment Branch, Naval Military Personnel Command in Washington, D.C.

Captain Smith was one of the first Navy pilots to fly the A7E. He has over 2,000 hours in A7 aircraft having flown the A7A/B/C/D/E and TA7C. He has deployed aboard USS FORRESTAL (CV-59), USS CORAL SEA (CV-43); USS RANGER (CV-61); USS AMERICA (CV-66); USS NIMITZ (CVN-68); and USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63). During the Vietnam conflict he flew over 280 combat missions. Captain Smith logged his 1000th carrier arrested landing as CAG 15 in June 1978.

Captain Smith's decorations include two distinguished Flying Crosses; twenty-five Strike Flight and four individual action medals; Navy Commendation Medal with two stars and Combat V; the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat V; and various other awards, unit citations, and campaign ribbons.

He is married to the former (b) (6). They reside with their three children, (b) (6).